

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

30 credits over 4 years

18 Compulsory Credits

- 4 English (one credit per grade)
- 1 French
- 3 Mathematics (at least one in gr. 11 or 12)
- 2 Science
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Canadian Geograghy
- 1 Arts
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- .5 Civics
- .5 Career Studies
- 1 of English, a Third Language, Social Science or Canadian & World Studies (G1)
- 1 of Physical Education, Arts or Business/Entrepreneurial Studies (G2)
- 1 Grade 11 or 12 Science or Grade 9-12 Technology (G3)

+ 12 Elective Credits

+ Passing the Grade 10 Literacy test

+ 40 hours of Community Involvement-Before graduating students must complete and submit proof of 40 hrs. of volunteer activity. Forms are available in Student Services. Once all 40 hours are complete, the signed form needs to be returned to Student Services for recording purposes.

≈ Transcripts will include full disclosure of grade 11 & 12 results

What does it mean?

Credit: A **credit** is what you earn after successfully completing a course. A one-credit course is scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours. (For example, a student earns one credit for ENG1P which is the Grade 9 applied level English.)

School Calendar: The **school calendar** is a booklet describing diploma requirements and listing all the courses available to students in HWDSB secondary school. Read it carefully to learn about opportunities that are available to you in high school. www.hwdsb.on.ca/coursecalendar

Prerequisite: A **prerequisite** is a course that you must pass before you can move on to the subsequent course. (For example, you must pass Grade 9 Applied Mathematics before you can take Grade 10 Applied Mathematics.)

OST: Your **Ontario Student Transcript** is a record of all the Grade 9 and 10 courses that you pass as well as all the Grade 11 and 12 courses that you attempt (Whether you pass or not)!

Contact the Student Services Department or check the school website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/delta>.

EXPLANATION:

APPLIED LEVEL: These courses are designed for the student who is ready for the Grade 9 curriculum and is able to apply his/her knowledge in more practical situations. The student will have passed Grade 8 English, Math and Science at level 2 (60-70%). Completes work in class but has difficulty with independent work. Enjoys practical, hands-on approach to learning.

ACADEMIC LEVEL: These courses are for students who have mastered the Grade 8 curriculum and are able to grasp abstract concepts. Marks should be at level 3 & 4 (Strong 70's and higher). Able to work independently. Demonstrates strong motivation. Willing and able to complete one or more hours of homework each night.

OPEN COURSES: These courses are designed to provide students with a broad educational base that will prepare them for their studies in Grades 10, 11 and 12 and help prepare them for their role in society.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED: These courses are for students whose skills in reading, writing, mathematics and science fall within the grade 4-7 range. The student is not ready for Applied courses. When it is time for the student to choose his/her courses for grade 10, the teacher of the Locally Developed grade 9 course will recommend the grade 10 Locally Developed course (Which will lead to the Senior Workplace pathways).

* This chart suggests one possible plan for completion of compulsory courses. Students should review their own Educational Plan each year to ensure they meet all of their educational goals and interests.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNER

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	5th Year ?
English	English	English	English	
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics (Grade 11 or 12)		
Science	Science	G3 Technology or Senior Science		
Canadian Geography	Canadian History	G1 English, social Sci- ence, 3rd language		
Arts	Careers .5 credit Civics .5 credit			
Physical Education	G2 Arts, Drama, Business, P.E.			
French				
Tech (G3) or Busi- ness G2) or Social Science (G1)				